More than 105 killed in wave of attacks in Iraq

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GMA says she spent P152M for campaign

By Blanche S. Rivera

FOR ALL the allegations that she had used massive public resources for her presidential campaign, President Macapagal-Arroyo said she spent only P152 million to get into Malacañang—all of it courtesy of her political party.

In her statement of campaign contributions and expenditures, the President said she spent exactly P152,013,907.00 during the three months of the campaign.

The President's expenditures report was filed with the Commission on Elections on June 18 but was disclosed by the legal department only yesterday.

The report showed that the President did not have any individual contributors but received all of her campaign money from the administration's K-4 coalition, which spent a total of P333 million for the party's entire national slate.

A large part of Ms Macapagal's campaign expenses, or a total of P103 million, went to television and radio advertisements while P15,269,584 was spent on campaign materials.

The report also indicated that the President had invested in communications and surveys, which accounted for P3,395,093.

Salaries of additional personnel amounted to P10,871,648 while hotel accommodations totaled P5,014,557.

Representation expenses came to P4,452,643, office equipment P1,355,087, and office supplies P1,850,594. The President also spent P1,209,520 on donations and for miscellaneous expenses.

Comelec Commissioner Resurreccion Borra said the submission of the campaign expenditures report served to clear the way for Ms Macapagal's official assumption of the presidency at noon of June 30.

"There is nothing anymore that will hinder her from assuming office on June 30," Borra told reporters.

Earlier Borra reminded Ms Macapagal about filing a statement of campaign contributions and expenditures, saying that as President she should be the first to follow the law and set an example for other candidates.

The Comelec has signed a resolution imposing a fine of P1,000 to P30,000 on candidates who fail to meet the deadline for submitting expense reports.

Borra said candidates who fail to comply with the resolution should not be allowed to assume office.

"This would make it clear to everyone how much was spent for the elections," Borra said in earlier interviews.

The Omnibus Election Code allows presidential and vice presidential candidates to spend P10 for each registered voter; candidates for local office are allowed P3 for every registered voter. Political parties are allowed to spend P5 per registered voter in the national contest.

The K-4 earlier reported having spent a total of P333.36 million for the campaign, P335.49 million of which were raised through contributions.

K-4 spent the bulk of its funds on radio and television advertisements, totaling P140 million. It also reported having spent P45 million for poll watchers on election day.

Anti-fraud groups have accused the President of using government resources to fund her campaign in the guise of barangay projects all over the country, such as the Pamilig ng GMA and Pabahalee of GMA; the distribution of free shirts and caps; and the production of posters and advertisements under various government agencies.

The Plunder Watch civil society group has accused the President of using the funds of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. and the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. to reach out to the the poor, seen as the main constituency of her closest rival, movie star Fernando Poe Jr.

Court denies Erap bid to go to Club Filipino

Corrections

Reds not happy with outcome of latest round of peace talks

2 rebels killed, 2 soldiers wounded



FVR advises GMA to use '4 Cs' formula for success

Corpus bares Left-Right bid to oust GMA

Vargas Museum lecture

RP entry makes it to int'l advertising festival finals in Cannes

By Celine B. [illegible]

CANNES, France—Far from being a heartbreaker, the Philippines could bring home a Cannes award this year.

The country's film entry "[illegible]," handled by [illegible] and produced by United Productions for Asian Corporation's [illegible] deodorant made it to the top ten finalists in the Cannes International Advertising Festival's cinematics and [illegible] category.

The Cannes jury sifted through 5,883 entries from 47 countries and short-listed the proudly Philippine-made ad.

Asian Fever has spread in this year's Cannes International Advertising Festival, held June 20-26 in Cannes, France. Malaysia and Japan bagged the prestigious Grand Prix awards in the "Press and Outdoor" and "Cyber" categories, respectively.

Malaysia's winning entry "[illegible]" for Channel 9 Media was produced by J. Walter Thompson in Kuala Lumpur.

"We tried to look for simplicity and a sense of not being exclusive. We also looked for work that was easy to understand. Malaysia's entry was refreshing," said Jury president Piyush Pandey who is also Executive Chair and National Creative Director for Ogilvy & Mather India.

Japan won for NEC Corporation's Ecotonoha Project website, which invites visitors to add messages to a virtual tree. The firm would then plant real trees to combat global warming.

"It exemplifies what our industry can do. It is well thought out, well-executed and a beautiful piece that made you appreciate what NEC is doing," said [illegible] juror Kevin Flatt who is also Creative Director of [illegible].

Cannes jury members agreed that this year's nominations in outdoor ads were reflected in their technological sophistication, while experimentation in themes, content and visual interpretation is the innovative force behind this year's prize ads.

The Cannes International Advertising Festival is the largest gathering of worldwide marketing and advertising professionals, as well as the most prestigious advertising awards showcasing over 18,770 ads from all over the world.

Finalists from the Philippines for Cannes' Press and Outdoor category were TBWA and [illegible], both with two entries each.

The awards ceremony which would determine winners for the film category will be held today. The Philippines has 23 entries and one finalist. Winning entries can be viewed on www.canneslions.com.

METRO

Death runs after stude in Manila

Third student slain

Valuables left behind

Shabu lab operators get life

Second time

Mixed reactions



A better sentence

Victory

Satisfied

Legal offensive

2 police officials claim ignorance in Mandaluyong gunplay

Pamatong is not a criminal ...



ON TARGET



A park reborn, but where's biz?

Bataan Death March survivor dies in US; 92

The Daily Gospel

Supreme Court Doctrines

The WORLD

US majority calls Iraq war a mistake

WASHINGTON—For the first time since the start of the war in Iraq, a majority of Americans now say the US-led invasion was a mistake, according to a USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll released on Thursday.

[illegible]



BUSH: Declared war with allies

[illegible]

US losing war on terror, CIA analyst says

[illegible]

Turkey blasts kill 4 people

[illegible]

N. Korea threatens to test A-bomb



JURASSIC TOOTH

West forced to look for nurses abroad

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OPINION



Honeymoon

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo, who is now also the President-elect, has asked media for a "honeymoon" period, and she will generally have it. Not because it is proper for presidents to ask for such things—the media should never be asked to indulge in what could be perceived as self-censorship—but because a "honeymoon" is in the natural order of things as a new term begins.

EDITORIALS

People are tired of politics after the particularly grueling contest this year. The games are over, serious life must begin. Just as the preparations leading up to the spectacle and ceremony of a marriage are so exhausting that a couple needs time to recharge, so does a country after an election.

A honeymoon really means a break from the rough and tumble of partisan politics and a return to focusing on the realities with which a new administration must come to grips. Since we are faced with a situation never before seen under the present Constitution, a "new-old" administration, the public would want to see the effect of pouring old wine into new bottles.

[illegible]

Not at the altar

EVEN as the President spoke of a honeymoon as if she is being married to the state, one man has already declared that he will boycott the exchange of vows. Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. will make history as the first vice president to refuse to make the traditional journey to the inaugural in the company of his successor.

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Irrelevant and overlong

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

[illegible]

Simple arithmetic

GET REAL

Solita Collas-Monsod

[illegible]

'Bukang liwayway'

POLITICAL TIDBITS



Belinda Olivarez-Cunanan

Womanity

YOUNG BLOOD

FED to blame for Greenhills shootout

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

Saving lives

Storm clouds and lost hopes

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY



Appeal for gov't crackdown on dangerous LPG tanks

Time to adopt the jury system

The family and our future

Be kind to animals

Power Plates acted in good faith and within legal parameters

Double standards

Across the NATION

Gold rush mining ordered stopped

Abandon

Tailings pond



Gastro kills 5, downs 859 others

Taxpayers money to be used for execs' oath-taking

2 children missing as boat capsizes off Negros

Survivor count

Unharmed

7 cops relieved, 2 others suspended



PUERTO PHOTO CONTEST

ROUNDUP

Illegal logs seized



OFW killed by robber

BIR official sacked

Lipa City choir concert

INQUIRER Visayas

When a capitol returns to its past

NEGROS Occidental's seat of government has returned to the imposing capitol building on Gatuslao Street in Bacolod City, which has witnessed history unfold over seven decades.

Low pay, costly ailment take toll on Cebu security guard

P500,000 remedy

Temporary relief



GUARD Montendoro in his uniform.



Bush congratulates GMA for poll triumph

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BEFORE: Distant sight of a 30-year old mango tree inside the Mt. Carmel Church on 5th St. corner Victoria St. New Manila, Quezon City.
AFTER: What a difference a tree makes. Without it, it's a blah landscape where a seminary will be constructed.

Mango tree mourned on Arbor Day

With DENR consent

'Behind our backs'

Wake

More than 105 killed …



A MARINE captain seeks cover as he calls in air strikes on insurgent positions in Fallujah, Iraq.

320 wounded

Enemy No. 1

Martial rule?

Inquirer garners 3 Sopa awards in HK

Rotary Awards, too

Keynote speaker

Tremendous quality

No bidders for boots contract this time

Complicity

Allocated funds

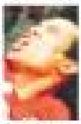
Appeal for re-test

Portugal kicks out England

Beckham flubs penalty as hosts prevail in dramatic shootout



Powerful Cebu five debuts vs CdO Stars



TANGDAY

Golf Super Tour supreme test for top pros



Pacquiao Olympic Day guest



PACQUIAO

WIMBLEDON

Croat stuns Venus; Roddick advances



Goran won't dare to follow Martina

Juico leads guest speakers in Libre sportswriting competition at PDI

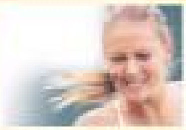
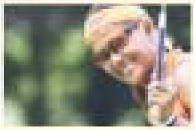


GRAND PRIX LAUNCHING

Cebuanos gain on rankings

SPORTS





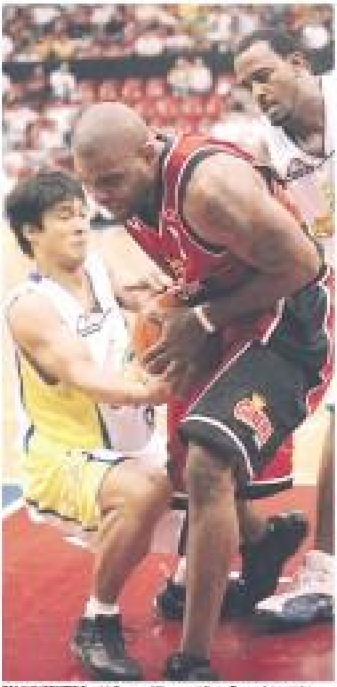
3 top RP bets seize pole in Asian kart tilt

NCAA caging under way at Big Dome



Gaston coasts to 6-shot victory; Go big for hosts

3rd Manila Youth Games under way tomorrow



Red-hot Pals, Barakos gain sudden death



BJ Manalo backs out, spurns Ateneo

Gaston coasts to 6-shot victory



Is life too short for golf?

SPECTATOR



3 top RP bets seize pole in Asian kart tilt

Bosch Intelco seeks upset

BUSINESS

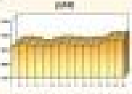
Current account posts $824-M surplus

CURRENCIES





Stocks end slightly up



US Eximbank keen on many RP projects

Banco de Oro sees deal with SSS pushing through

Captain of the shift

BREAKTIME



Conrado R. Banal III

ERC rule to ensure fair trade practice in electricity sector

By Abigail L. Ho



ALBANO

Swift sees ₱150M in net profit this year

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

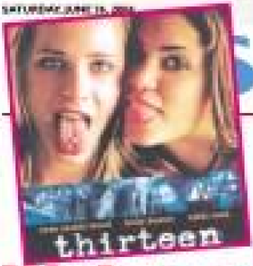
DISCLOSURES

PSE to hold special meet

US Eximbank . . .

Current account . . .

SATURDAY Super





Welcome to the Comfort Zone

Choice picks to chase rainy-day blues away

OUT THE WINDOW



Tais Diaz

ETERNAL pessimists and seratonin-deficient folks may see the incessant rain as reason to wallow in self-created angst. For some reason, however, I welcome the gloomy season as a refreshing change from the sweat-soaked days of summer—besides, angst is sooo 10 years ago (it's so dead, it rotted long before the rave did). What better reason to snub the traffic outside, slip off my boots and cocoon into my Lululemon pants and Havaianas flipflops, and hibernate indoors with page-turning fiction, or chillax with good friends over homemade DIY potions of our choice.

I marked the start of the rainy season with DVD marathons and CD-swapping sessions, flavored with [illegible] pizza takeouts and highly engaging midnight conversations. Welcome to the comfort zone—a super alternative to mindless (and oft times expensive) bar-hopping excursions around the city. A few simple rules and some choice picks to indulge in when you're in the zone:

Kick off your high heels for some great reels.

In my case, great reels mean "DVD" or "Dysfunctional Video Dramas." Picks for the past month include "Thirteen" and "House of Sand and Fog."

If you like seeing teenage girls going far, far beyond the neighborhood of wild, then I highly recommend "Thirteen." It's a true story of two skinny-ass, 13-year-old bad girls (played by Nikki Reed and Evan Rachel Wood) who run the gamut of dysfunctional behavior. These chicks go on a downward spiral with theft, experimental drugs, body piercings, alcohol and sex. Holly Hunter deserves a thumbs up as the hapless mother trying to [illegible] her daughter into sobriety. [illegible] with camera angles and film treatments, offering a different take on the [illegible] theme of teenage [illegible].

I also suggest you seriously hunt around for "House of Sand and Fog." There's just something about Jennifer Connelly playing characters [illegible] "Requiem for a Dream" [illegible] "House of Sand and Fog." Connelly takes up the lead role of Kathy Nicolo, healing from a former life of alcoholism and drug addiction and a recent divorce. Through some bureaucratic snafu, her seaside bungalow is seized by the local county, leaving her homeless and helpless to stop the auction of her property for a fraction of its worth. Her house is snapped up by Massoud Behrani (played by the infinitely talented Ben Kingsley), a former member of the Shah of Iran's elite inner circle, who sees the new house as a dream come true in line with efforts to maintain the pretense of a life of affluence. "Some dreams can't be shared," it says on the disc jacket. [illegible]

Bookmark your days.

Fans of the revered living legend Gabriel Garcia Marquez, shame on you if you haven't made a beeline to the bookshop for his autobiography, "Living to Tell the Tale," for a first-hand peek at the real and surreal events of Gabito's kaleidoscopic life story, some snippets of which became inspirations for his novels. From a heartrending narration of his impoverished life while growing up in Colombia [illegible] Garcia Marquez employs his trademark non-linear time shifting technique. The memoir tells the tale of Garcia Marquez' shaping not only into an exceptional writer but as [illegible]

WELCOME C3









THE SEXBOMB SINGERS

And baby, they can turn you on!

By Tim Yap



WHAT do Dolphy and the Sex Bomb singers have in common?

Before I answer that question, let me pause and do the Spaghetti dance—the national dance anthem of kids in these parts.

Now armed with another album packed with catchy tunes, they are set to spark yet another explosion: seven sexy females, 12-inch heels... one "Bomb Threat."

With song titles like "Spaghetti Pa," "Tong Tong," "L.E.B. (Lalake Ehhe?)," "Bakit Ng Papa," "Mga Pa," "Daywang Papa," "Daisy Siete (also the title of their television show)," and "Lollipop," you'd think it was a list of hotspots on Quezon Avenue.

With constant exposure, a couple of hit songs and a good dose of highly charged gyrations, they pirouetted (in more ways than one) the mainstream Pinoy consciousness.

Their success can be considered a breakthrough for the local reality celebrity. In fact, these girls were among the first ones to shape the genre, since their life stories have been told in prime time drama shows.

So iconic have they become that I predict the kids of this generation will look up to them in the same way that we regard the Bellestar dancers of the past. And more. The kids now know their Sexbomb by heart. Name me one Bellestar worth her loss and I'll give you a ...

Going back to my initial question, what do the King of Comedy and the Queens of ... have in common?

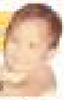
"..." ... says with a wink. Who needs ... ?







The Comeback of the Throwback



Lemon-aide

Giselle Segovia



OLD SCHOOL COOL. Alicia Keys in Adidas

LOCO OVER LOGO.

HAPPY GILMORE. Adam Sandler goes for the trucker look.

Saturday, June 26

Sunday, June 27

Monday, June 28

Tuesday, June 29

Wednesday, June 30

Thursday, July 1

Friday, July 2

The Word for the Bored:

Welcome to the Comfort Zone







Pinoy pop in polka dots





Tim Yap

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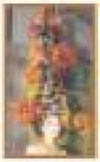


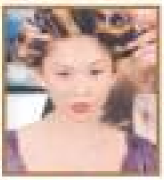












Hair today ...

... a life forever altered tomorrow

WHEN RACHEL Green, Jennifer Aniston's character on "Friends," layered her hair, it became her ticket to fame and changed her life forever.

Undeniable

Ouch!



SATURDAY Special

Editor Nestor U. Torre
Assistant Editor Rito P. Asilo



AUNOR: Superior portrayal.

Battle for Manila filmfest's best actress plum heats up

By Nestor U. Torre

THIS early, the "battle" for the Manila Film Festival's best actress trophy is seen by many to have narrowed down to Nora Aunor in "Naglalayag" and Judy Ann Santos in "Sabel." Which one will the jurors bless?

[illegible]

Texture

[illegible]

Complex role

[illegible]

Major acting award

[illegible]

Showcase of acclaimed Asian films on cable

By Rito P. Asilo

[illegible]

Sequels and prequels

[illegible]

Subtitles

[illegible]



LAU: Memorable performances in "Infernal Affairs" and "Running on Karma."

[illegible]

Suggestions

[illegible]